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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7213
BILL NUMBER: SB 444

DATE PREPARED: Feb 9, 2001
BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2001

SUBJECT: Reimbursements by County Jail Inmates.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill decreases the minimum period that a prisoner must be lawfully detained in a county jail to become obligated to reimburse the county for the cost of the detention. It allows a county to use money in the County Prisoner Reimbursement Fund for the costs of care, maintenance, and housing of prisoners, including the cost of housing prisoners in the facilities of another county. It increases maximum per diem to be paid by inmates to \$50 per day.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) Counties that have adopted an ordinance requiring prisoner reimbursement of detention fees (optional under current Indiana law) would experience an indeterminable increase in revenues. County fiscal officers would be allowed to allocate any or all of the revenues to Sheriffs' Departments in order to defray the costs of care, maintenance, and housing of prisoners, including the costs of housing prisoners in the facilities of another county. Currently, revenues from a Prisoner Reimbursement Fund can be used for the operation, construction, repair, remodeling, enlarging, and equipment of a county jail or juvenile detention center.

In accordance with this bill, the required 72-hour minimum stay before reimbursement would be reduced to 12 hours and the Prisoner Reimbursement Fee would be increased from \$30 to \$50. The specific effects of this bill would vary by county, and would depend upon the number of counties that have established Prisoner Reimbursement Funds in accordance with current law. (The exact number of counties that require prisoner reimbursement is currently indeterminable. However, it is estimated that only a small percentage of them do

so.)

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County Auditors and Sheriffs' Departments.

Information Sources: